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SUBJ: LA FONMIN CONFERENCE: PRESS ROUNDUP NOV 16

FOR US DEL TO OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE

REF BOGOTA 9335 9377

1. BOGOTA PRESS REPORTS MORNING NOV 16 INDICATE THAT THE BOGOTA MTG HAS ENDORSED THE EIGHT POINT DOCUMENT PRODUCED BY THE PREPARATORY MTG. (BOGOTA 9335) AND WILL ENDORSE THAT DOCUMENT AS THE MTG'S FINAL DECLARATION.

2. THE MINS ARE ALSO EPORTED BY THE PRESS TO HAVE DEVISED A COURSE OF ACTION CALLING FOR THREE OF THEM (TO BE NAMED) TO NEGOTIATE THE FIRST SEVEN POINTS OF THE DOCUMENT WITH SECY KISSINGER, LEAVING THE EIGHTH POINT, U S LATIN RELATIONS, TO BE THE SUBJECT OF A HEMISPHERIC CONFERENCE IN 74. THIS PROCEDURE IS DESCRIBED AS AN EFFORT TO AVOID LARGE TUMULTUOUS MTGS AND TO ACCOMODATE THE PREFERENCE, WHICH THE LATINS ASCRIBE TO THE SECY, FOR DISCUSSING SPECIFIC POINTS WITH SMALLER GROUPS. THE DATE OF THE FINAL, GENERAL MTG IS NOW PROJECTED AS APRIL OF NEXT YEAR.

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3. THE PRESS ALSO REPORTED ON THE UNSUCCESSFUL EFFORT BY JAMAICA TO INCLUDE THE CUBAN QUESTION IN THE FINAL DECLARATION. SEVERAL MINS, INCLUDING VENEZUELA'S CALVANI WERE QUOTED TO THE EFFECT THAT THE CUBAN QUESTION WAS A MATTER OF OAS COMPETENCE AND NOT ACCORDINGLY, TO BE CONSIDERED OFFICIALLY AT THIS MTG.

4. PANAMANIAN FORNMIN JUAN TACK EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO HIS FELLOW MINS FOR THEIR AID, POINTED OUT THAT, RELATIVE TO THE CANAL ZONE SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION, THE U S MAINTAINS FOURTEEN BASES IN THE ZONE. HE ADDED THAT THE SUPPORT OF THE MINS WOULD BE FELT IN THE U S-PANAMA DIALOGUE.

5. DOMINICAN FONMIN GOMEZ BERGES TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE DECLARATION REFLECTED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN LA. THE ALLIANCE FOR PROGRESS HE SAID, HAD HAD GOOD RESULTS BUT NOW IS A "DEAD POLICY." HE SAID THAT NOW THE LATINS HAVE A POLICY DRAWN UP BY LATIN AMERICANS FOR LA.

6. MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE CONFERENCE IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE NATURE OF THE MTG. THE LACK OF RIGID AGENDAS IS CREDITED WITH ALLOWING THE PARTICIPANTS TO BREAK THROUGH IN AREAS WHERE, PREVIOUSLY, EXCESSIVE PROTOCOL HAD PROVIDED A SERIOUS BARRIER.

7. A SOUR NOTE WAS STRUCK BY PRESS REPORTS THAT OAS SECY GEN GALO PLAZA HAD DESCRIBED THE MTG AS A "SHOW" OF QUESTIONABLE UTILITY. THIS COMMENT, IF MADE IS IN CONTRAST TO THE GENERAL TENOR OF OBSERVATIONS WHICH, IF NOT EXCESSIVELY OPTIMISTIC, DO REFLECT OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE MTG. WHITE

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